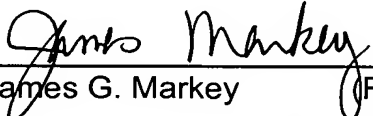


REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, the pending claims are: Claims 14 – 23. Entry of the amendments into the file history of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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